

Press Release

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MIDDLETOWN TO PARTICIPATE IN CONNECTICUT RIVER SOURCE TO SEA CLEANUP

Mayor Daniel Drew is pleased to announce that the City of Middletown has registered with the Connecticut River Watershed Council as a group who will be participating in the 17th Annual Connecticut River Source to Sea Cleanup. "This year is gearing up to be one of the biggest river cleanups ever, and I am proud that Middletown and its residents will be a part of it" says Mayor Drew. "I wanted to open this cleanup event to everyone in Middletown who would like to come to the River and volunteer and pitch in to clean it up", the Mayor added.

The cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 8:00am to 1:00pm, meeting location is Harbor Park, rain or shine (torrential rain and thunderstorms will cancel the event). The primary areas focused for the cleanup are Harbor Park, Columbus Point, Sumner Brook Area and the Public Safety docks. Volunteers are needed for clean up on land as well as along the rivers edge using kayaks and canoes. Gloves and trash bags will be distributed to the volunteers. Each volunteer will be asked to sign a waiver prior to their participation in the cleanup. A limited amount of tee shirts will be given out for the first volunteers to register. Refreshments will be served.

James Sipperly, Environmental Resource Specialist for the City of Middletown will coordinate this event for Middletown. If anyone is interested in participating as a group or as an individual, please contact him at 860-638-3506 or by email: james.sipperly@middletownct.gov.

Mayor Drew added that "“I want to thank all of you in advance for participating in this worth while event that will not only beautify the city’s most valuable natural resource, but will also help the environment.”